



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really busy final week of term. Pupils have been taking end of term assessments across many subjects and, of course, the focus for Year 11 and Upper Sixth students is fully on revision and preparing for the GCSE and A Level examinations this summer.

Charity fundraising has also been taking place with bake sales and charity football matches taking place to raise money for a variety of charities including WWF, Julian House, tree planting in Lyncombe Hill Fields and the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

The way our students have been proactive to make a positive difference has been impressive and has seen over £750 raised so far. We are also very grateful to all parents who were able to donate cakes to the bake sale.

One event, the charity football match organised by Deputy Head Boy, Azad, is still collecting donations via a just giving page and the link is below should you wish to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/azad-ozdilek>

In lower school the tutor programme has been varied this week with a variety of different inputs. This has included assemblies and theme of the week sessions on trans visibility and celebrating the International Transgender Day of Visibility, which is on 31st March.

We have also had the opportunity to hand out lots of rewards through assemblies and tutor time for commitment to studies, individual subject awards, reading and science projects.

In addition our Easter assembly, in preparation for the Christian festival during the Easter holidays and as part of our Religious Education curriculum has been based around hope and new beginnings.

Last weekend our Ten Tors team braved the weather to continue the preparation for the event at the end of next month and you will notice in this newsletter that we are launching the Centurion challenge again this year. We look forward to seeing our students take on these challenges in the coming months and being immensely proud of their achievement.

In sports we have had students competing in the Rosslyn Park Rugby Sevens tournament and securing a top 15 finish (out of over 250 schools), which included a win over the eventual winner, which is an excellent achievement. Many congratulations to the students involved.



## Calendar

**Tuesday 28th – Friday 31st March**

Oklahoma – BCS and Hayesfield School  
Production at The Roper Theatre Bath @ 7pm

**Friday 31st March**

End of Term 4 (pupils at approx. 12:30pm)

**Monday 17th April**

INSET DAY

**Tuesday 18th April**

Start of Term 5 for pupils

The school production of Oklahoma this week has been an incredible success and, at the time of writing, we still have shows to take place. The level of confidence and skill demonstrated by our pupils has been exceptional.

The collaboration with Hayesfield and Bath Theatre School for this production has been a roaring success and is testament to the hard work and commitment of the pupils and staff involved over many months. A huge congratulations to all involved and I hope you enjoy the final performances.



At the end of the term I would like to thank all the staff for all their efforts to provide the best possible opportunities for students over the last term and to parents and carers for their support.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable Easter holiday and we look forward to all pupils returning to school on Tuesday 18th April.

*T. D. Markall*

Tim Markall

Headteacher

## Key Notices

### Reminder on the importance of punctuality

Attending school on time is essential for all students to get a positive, organised start to the day. The start of the day is also when we share information and announcements in addition to a full tutor programme, which is part of the curriculum. Poor punctuality is not acceptable and we expect pupils to be on time every day. Any student arriving within 30 minutes of the register opening in the morning or 15 minutes after the register opens in the afternoon, will be deemed as 'late' and therefore will be coded as 'L' on the register.

Any student arriving after the register closes at 9:00am without a verified reason will be marked as 'unauthorised late' and coded as 'U'. A 'U code' constitutes an unauthorised absence for the whole AM or PM session.

C2 slips are issued for lateness, with lunchtime and after school detentions and community service being used to address more frequent lateness.

Legal action may be taken for continued U code absences in a similar way to persistent absence from school.

The vast majority of our boys are NEVER late, but please take the time to review your child's attendance record on INSIGHT and remind them of the importance of attending on time.

Thank you for your support with this.

Mr M Ambrose

Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral)

### Reports

Dear parents and carers,

The Subject Reports for Year 11 and the Upper Sixth as well as the second Progress Reports for Year 10 and the Lower Sixth will be published on Friday 31st March on INSIGHT.

These will provide you with a timely update as to how your son or daughter is progressing in their subjects.

If you have any questions about the reports, please email [headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Andrew Seal

Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum and Assessment)

### Social Media



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## YEAR 12 MOCKS STUDENT TIMETABLE MAY 23

Year 12 mock exams will be taking place next term. This is an important part of assessing progress this year and preparing for the second year of the A level course. The timetable is below.

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	Students	LENGTH	Rooms Used
Thurs 4th May	9am	<b>Psychology</b>	45	2hrs	recital room music ensemble room
Thurs 4th May	1pm	<b>Geography</b> <b>Music</b>	48 1	2hrs15 1hr30	recital room music ensemble room
Fri 5th May	9am	<b>RPE</b> <b>Chemistry</b>	24 20	3hrs 2hrs	recital room music ensemble room
Fri 5th May	1pm	<b>Spanish</b> <b>PE</b>	15 14	2hrs15 2hrs	recital room music ensemble room
Tues 9th May	9am	<b>Computing</b> <b>Literature</b> <b>Politics</b>	8 16 12	2hrs 30 2hrs 30 1hr 30	recital room music ensemble room
Tues 9th May	1pm	<b>Physics</b>	48	1hr30	recital room music ensemble room
Wed 10th May	9am	<b>Economics</b> <b>Law</b> <b>Classics</b>	34 26 13	2hrs 2hrs 1hr45	barn music ensemble room
Wed 10th May	1pm	<b>GCE Maths</b> <b>Core Maths</b>	50 26	2hrs 1hr30	barn music ensemble room
Thurs 11th May	9am	<b>Biology</b> <b>DT</b>	47 8	1hr30 2hrs	barn music ensemble room
Thurs 11th May	1pm	<b>History</b> <b>Business</b>	37 19	2hrs30 2hrs	barn music ensemble room
Fri 12th May	9am	<b>French</b> <b>German</b> <b>Italian</b>	7 1 4	2hrs 15	music ensemble room

We are aware that there are clashes for some students. These have been resolved and you will be informed of altered dates after Easter.

Jenny Cotterell

Examinations Officer

# LIBRARY NEWS



PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!



I'd like to thank our brilliant pupil librarians who have been a huge help to the library since they started in January. We had 30 pupils sign up, meaning we have one or two librarians every break and lunchtime throughout the week.

Year 7: Ewan F, Temoni E, Bill G, Archie S, Eli W, Freddie F, Adam B, Cooper H, James B, Thomas A, William D, Dom P, Harry L, Oliver P, Dexter B, Jack P-P, Haydon McG, Sam A-C, Jack R, Dante J, Landon McG. Y8: George A, Linus R, Ben S, Hugo D. Y9: Henry D, Dan H, Kereem T, Sam J, Joel N, Ted D. Y10: Archie H.

The pupil librarians have been trained to use the library system and can check books in and out of the library. They are also learning how new books have to be processed before they can be inputted into the catalogue. These pupils are getting good at shelving books and we hope that over the next few weeks, they will begin to take responsibility for particular genres sections of the library. They will also be able to recommend books and write reviews of books that they have enjoyed or that are particularly popular. Well done Library Lads!



# Carnegie Club Book Title Challenge

Can you work out the short-listed Carnegie book titles from these emoji clues?

Thanks to Peter C. Sam J. and Edward R.

- A. *The Light in Everything* by Katya Balen
- B. *When Shadows Fall* by Sita Brahmachari
- C. *Medusa* by Jessie Burton
- D. *The Eternal Return of Clara Hart* by Louise Finch
- E. *Needle* by Patrice Lawrence
- F. *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys
- G. *The Blue Book of Nebo* by Manon Steffan Ros

- 1. □ □ □
- 2. □ □ □ □
- 3. □ □ □
- 4. 🦌 □ □ U
- 5. □ □
- 6. □ □
- 7. □ □

Answers: 1.G, 2.D, 3.C, 4.F, 5.B, 6.A, 7.E



## Reading and Revision Tips

Back in July 2022, Gary Wilson visited the school to talk about Boys' Literacy. He had lots of practical advice for parents to help their sons engage better with revision and reading at home. A selection of Gary's slides are on the school website but I thought I'd signpost the link here for those of you who are new to the school or who may have missed it. [parents bath.pptx \(beechencliff.org.uk\)](https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/parents-bath.pptx)

## Recommended for Teens!

Check out these book lists from the Book Trust, a national charity that works to promote reading and literacy.

[Best books for teens \(teen\) | BookTrust](#)

[100 Best 12-14 | BookTrust](#)

[New children and teen books we love in March 2023 | BookTrust](#)



Finally, we have raised £170 for Read For Good so far. This will give £34 of book vouchers to the school and lots of stories and books for children in hospital. Thanks to everyone who took part. Any remaining money needs to be submitted on-line as soon as possible.

<https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor/>

Keep Reading! Laura Bridge, Library Lead

## Literacy

### 'Reading Millionaires'



We use Accelerated Reader Quizzes to encourage our Year 7 and 8 pupils to read regularly. This computer-based program also records the number of words read.

Well done to super-reader Joshua H. who has read over FIVE MILLION words this year and joins the elite of the multi-millionaire readers club!

Reaching a grand total of One Million Words are:

Temoni E. Reuben B. Freddie P. Zachary T-B. James B. Lukas D. Freddie F.

And making great reading progress on 500,000 words are:

Paddy B. Bill G. Jack R. Caolan R. Ferdinand TP. Lucas G. Wilfie S. William D. Harry L. Dom P. Rudy S. Adam P. Jasper C. Arthur O. Jack PP. William Q. Zach C and Madoc S.

Well done also to those boys who have managed to read one whole book, no matter how long it is. The first words are the hardest, but are often the start of a journey into literacy and a lifetime love of reading. We are really proud of you too! You know who you are!

If your son is in Year 7 or 8 they will have a login for Accelerated Reader and can access the site from their School Home Screen (where they also access Google Classroom).

Laura Bridge and Mike Newell

## Food Technology

Please find published alongside this newsletter, the Easter edition of the popular Technology's Food Newsletter, full of fabulous recipes, quizzes and food facts.

Have a restful Easter.

Food Technology Team



## Menu for w/c - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

**Monday:** Inset Day

**Tuesday:** Sausages with onion Gravy, Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole (D,W)

**Wednesday:** Roast Beef, Smoked Cheddar and Leek Quiche (D,W)

**Thursday:** Quorn Chilli, Creamy Pesto and Pea Pasta (W)

**Friday:** Thai Fishcake (W,D), Cheesy Celeriac Bake

I hope you all have a great Easter and can I please ask that all accounts are topped up and ready for the new term.

Dan Keal  
Chef

(D) = Contains Dairy Products  
(W) = Contains Wheat Products

## Extra Curricular

### Eco Group

It has been a busy term for the Eco Group with Henry Dowling and Fin Anderson playing a lead role. We have attended the Sustainability Conference at Hayesfield School where KodiBloomfield presented on behalf of the school and Henry Dowling presented our progress to date with respect to our initiatives and data received from Energy Sparks.

Here's a breakdown of the progress:

### Joining Energy Sparks

Joining Energy Sparks allowed us to view the schools energy and gas consumption and expenses on a weekly basis. They are a charity that raises awareness of schools' spending and energy usage.

### Solar Panels

We have installed 680 solar panels on our main building. This has helped considerably in reducing the amount of electricity we use.

### Securing a grant for LED Lighting

We have managed to acquire a grant from the MNSP, to install LED lighting around the school site - this will enable us to use energy as efficiently as possible, therefore saving us money and reducing our impact on the environment.

### Vegetarian Day

Once a week all school dinners are vegetarian in the Refectory to help us eat healthier and limit meat production and consumption.

### Bikeability courses for Year 7

Using the cycling programme Bikeability, Year 7 have undertaken a road cycling course to help them become more confident cyclists on the road and to encourage them to cycle to school. This includes learning how to cycle on busy roads and how to deal with complex road situations.

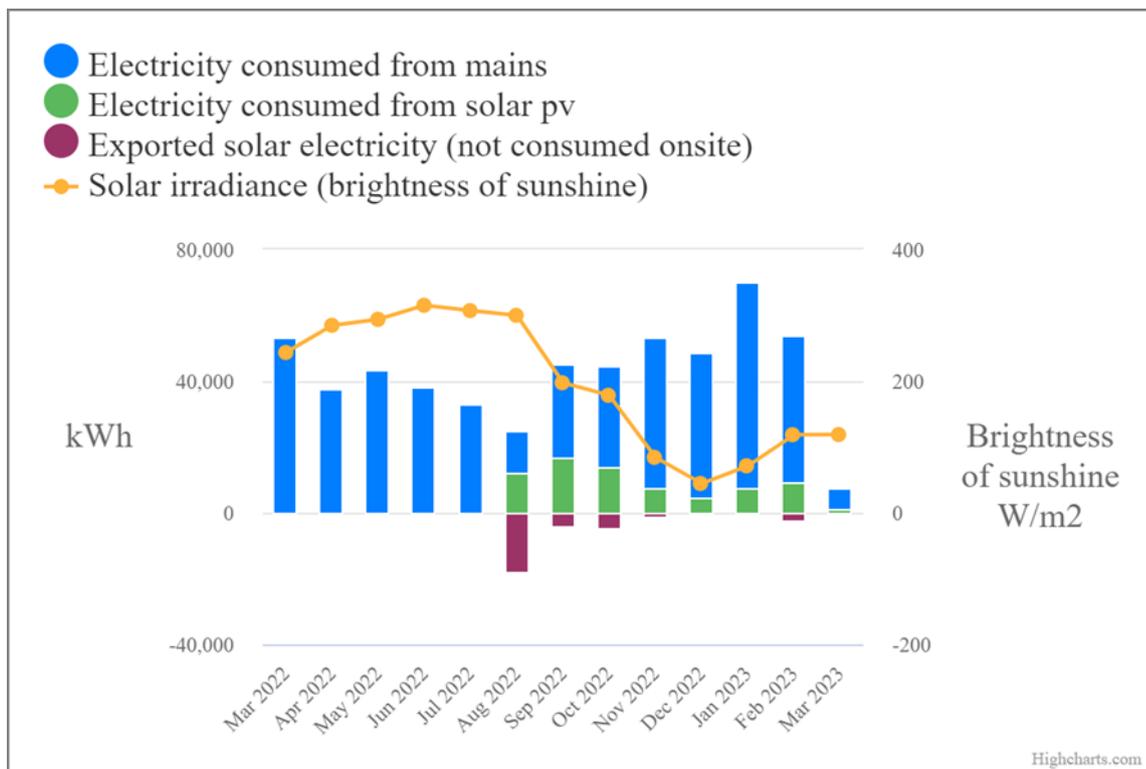
### Litter Picks

We arrange litter picks in school and in the local community.

### We have also achieved:

- \* Placing readily available bins around the school site
- \* Having environmental assemblies to remind students what they can do to help.
- \* Installing water fountains
- \* Reducing plastic in the refectory

How the solar panels have helped to reduce our energy consumption:



### Term 5 and 6 Initiatives:

#### Investigate school's recycling issue - BANES

Currently, our school is unable to recycle due to the council charges. This is because schools are subject to business costs for business collection. We would like to see this changed by the council.

#### Awareness workshops

Energy Sparks provides assemblies and opportunities for pupils to participate in workshops - watch this space!

#### Reducing Litter

As we approach the summer and we start to use the field for breaks and lunches, a real effort will be made via assemblies, tutor groups and posters to respect our surroundings and take responsibility for our personal litter.

#### Turn It Off!

A poster campaign will be launched to raise awareness to turn all power switches off when we are not using them. This will have a huge positive impact on our school fuel bills!

We are always looking for new members to join - come along and see what we do. Please contact Fin Anderson, Henry Dowling or Mr Mann to get involved.

Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher



## CENTURION CHALLENGE 2023

100 MILES IN 48 HOURS

16:00 FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY TO 16:00 SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY

YEARS 9, 10, 11 AND THE SIXTH FORM

### *The challenge*

*To leave the main doors of Beechen Cliff at 16:00 on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> July, follow the route to the Kennet & Avon Canal and walk to Devizes on the towpath, camp overnight, then continue to the Parish Church at Hungerford and return to Devizes camping overnight. Then on Sunday make your way back to Beechen Cliff School by 16:00 to claim to be a Beechen Cliff Centurion.*

### *Why ?*

*The Centurion Challenge has been an honourable tradition of Beechen Cliff School. This year the challenge as ever will raise money for various charities close to the heart of the pupils at Beechen Cliff School and to assist with financing the extracurricular activities offered by the school, Last year we donated monies to Boys in Mind, Dorothy House, Macmillan Cancer Support, Julian House, Cancer Research UK, Forever Friends/Bath RUH. We also donate monies to the Canals and River Trust and St Lawrence Church, Hungerford.*

*All the Centurion Challengers will receive a **Centurion Challengers 'T' Shirt**, but only the finishers – the **legionnaires** that complete the challenge by 16:00 hours on the Sunday will receive a **Centurion Challengers Tie**. The **names** of the **first three challengers to return** will be immortalised on the **Centurion Challengers roll of honour!***

***So do you have what it takes to become a Beechen Cliff Centurion in 2023 ?***

*Further information will be available next Term.*

*The cost of entry is £85. Please note there is no early entry.*

## Tir-y-Cwm developments

During the quieter booking periods over the winter months, the kitchen and Bathroom at Tir-y-Cwm were replaced with new showers cubicles, toilets and stainless steel surfaces added. The cottage is 300 years old and some rather ancient piping was removed. The tiles were removed in the kitchen and the walls underneath were in surprisingly good condition. Fixing anything to the walls is tricky, the external walls are 2ft thick in places.

Many thanks to Renway Ltd from Bradford on Avon who stayed at the cottage for a number of days to complete the work. It is now much more functional for mixed group use. There is now a lot of painting and other cosmetic work to do!

Hopefully the photos will give you a scale of the work involved! These improvement will benefit the students using this fantastic facility in the future.

The next project for Tir-y-Cwm is to go completely green with solar panels and batteries and take away our reliance on fossil fuels and the diesel generators.

The cottage is run as a charitable trust. If you feel you can donate to the solar project please contact myself at Beechen Cliff.

Dave Brewer

Head of Humanities

### Bathroom



### Kitchen



## Ten Tors

Since January, pupils in years 10,11 and 12 have been training for the annual Ten Tors challenge on Dartmoor. The weekend of 25th and 26th of March saw them do an overnight camp on Dartmoor, navigating 26-32 miles over the weekend. Their resilience was tested with torrential overnight rain making for an uncomfortable start 6:00am start on the Sunday morning. All groups were fantastic over the whole weekend and were cheerful throughout. They are shaping up nicely for the event at the end of April. We have one more training session at the end of the Easter holidays.



Dave Brewer

Head of Humanities

## DEVON COAST TO COAST 2023

In a forced change this year the Coast to Coast Challenge was a 'spring classic' event rather than an autumnal affair in October. The 100 mile route makes its way from Ilfracombe in north Devon, to Plymouth in the south to connect the Bristol and English Channels. 14 pupils came forward to take on challenge mixing ages from each of years 10,11,12 and 13.

This year the focus was on raising money for Dorothy House. Sponsor money returned will go towards hospice and palliative care for patients in and around Bath. Many families of boys in the school would have benefitted from the work of this charity. Good motivation then for spending 10 hours in the saddle!

After an overnight stay in a hostel 'carb' loading in the local fish and chip shops the group were briefed to get up at 5:30 for a 6:45am departure from the Harbour in Ilfracombe. The morning dawn was veiled behind low cloud as the cyclists filed through the streets of Ilfracombe to start the challenge. Despite a sunny forecast the peloton was soon met with sunshine of the wet variety. This denied us views over Woolacombe bay and the estuaries of the River Taw and Torridge. Our first stop in Braunton saw everyone wet and bedgaggled. However an adjustment of layers and a food top up saw us on our way again skirting the estuary and heading inland to Great Torrington.

With 30 miles under the wheels the first real hill of the day made itself felt as the group climbed up out of Great Torrington. From here the rain relented and the cloud lifted leaving a legacy of muddy puddled roads and track.

As a peloton the issues were relatively few with the pupils riding with due care and communicating well with each other.

The undulating nature of the terrain meant that fatigue was stealthily creeping into the legs so that by Okehampton (60miles) the arduous nature of the challenge was beginning to make its impact felt both physically and mentally. The pasty stop raised moral as the peloton headed towards its high point of the day at 1200ft above sea level as it cruised down the west side of Dartmoor. Shortly after this comes the hardest climb of the day given it's late location in the ride. Brent Hill as climbed from Lydford demands respect and the pupils and staff laboured their way up. Fortunately the return to sea level has to be made and some of the easiest and fastest riding of the day now lay ahead as the peloton descended towards Plymouth.

The descent down the Plym Valley trail is a freewheel and a chance to rest weary legs. In Plymouth the peloton skirted Saltram house, Sutton Harbour and the Barbican before a last uphill to Smeatons tower on Plymouth Hoe. The sun was even shining!

Weather wise and incident wise it was one of the most unproblematic rides across Devon we have undertaken, this being the 12th edition of the challenge.



As ever the pupils represented themselves and the school in an exemplarily manner and for sure many pushed the limits of their comfort zone and showed great fortitude to carry on. It was a great day of cycling, an interesting day of weather and pleasant company. It was not a great day for rugby with the everyone apart from Mr. Maxwell tortured by the commentary of the England game on the way home!!

Huge thanks must extend to the massive support this event is given by staff who drove, cycled, cajoled and worked hard to help the boys achieve the challenge. Let's hope for another great event in October 2024!



Dave Brewer

Head of Humanities



**BEECHEN CLIFF MOUNTAINEERING**

**SNOWDONIA MOUNTAINEERING TRIP**  
**JULY 17TH - JULY 21ST 2023**  
**(ACTIVITIES WEEK)**  
**OPEN TO YEARS 10,11, 12 & 13**

**Are you the adventurous type  
 who enjoys a challenge and  
 do you love the outdoors?**

**Do you want to advance your camping skills  
 and learn new skills in the mountains?**

**If the answer is yes, this trip is for you!**

**We are taking a small group (15 people) to  
 the Snowdonia National Park in the summer.**

**Places are now open. See Mr Murphy,  
 Mr Brewer, Mr Maxwell or Mr Firth  
 for more details. Book early!**

## **Christian Union (CU)**

This week, the school Christian Union (CU) had a visit from “Good News for Everyone”. They are a Christian charity that work with schools to distribute Bibles, do talks and lead assemblies. As it was our last meeting before Easter, they did a talk on the real meaning of “Good Friday” and why it is central to the Christian faith.

If any one wants to join us next term we meet on a Monday 15:30 - 16:15 in P4 for a discussion, games and snacks. Everyone is welcome.

Dan Eggleton and Sam Vernalls



## MUSIC

The department has seen another busy term both in and out of the classroom with lots of practical coursework being recorded and public performances to prepare for.

On Tuesday 21st March the school brass ensemble participated in a collaboration with other Bath senior schools for an event at Hayesfield upper school. The various groups performed to primary school children in an attempt to inspire younger pupils to take up an instrument. The whole event was a great success and we hope to see some positive outcomes in the years to come!

We returned to St Luke's church for the annual school concert which took place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Several ensembles participated including concert band, swing band, folk group, guitar ensemble, year 7 orchestra, choir and saxophone group. There were many highlights all agreed that every ensemble performed to a high standard. Particular mention must go to Arthur F (Year 11) for a stunning performance of a Chopin prelude on the piano and Issac E (Senior musician) who gave a confident performance alongside Rebecca Sheppard of a song that Rebecca had composed.

The Bath Festival have begun work on an exciting project in which school children across the city will be involved in a performance on the opening night of the Bath Festival. As a result, 10 pupils, accompanied by Mr Thompson attended the first workshop on Friday 24th March at The Forum. All the pupils reported back that they had really enjoyed the day which consisted of composing and rehearsing a song along with pupils from King Edwards and Ralph Allen. There are 2 more follow up days in April, with the big performance lined up for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Bath Abbey. There will also be a further performance on Thursday 18th May at The Forum, when the singers will be accompanied by Bath Phil (a full symphony orchestra).

As we get near the end of term we are busy doing final performance recordings and finishing touches to composition coursework for both GCSE music and music technology pupils. I would be grateful if parents could check with any year 11 pupils studying music that they have completed all their relevant coursework!

Finally may I take this opportunity to thank Mr Thompson, Mr Harriman and all the Peripatetic Music Staff for their dedication and hard work.

We look forward to all musical activities next term which will include the Young Musician competition for years 7-10 and the joint trip to Barcelona with Hayesfield school.

On behalf of the music department, may I wish all parents, carers, pupils and friends of the school, a happy Easter.

Mr P E Calvert

Head of Music



### BREAKING NEWS

#### Exam results

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved success in practical exams:

Ted D Year 9 - Grade 3 Trumpet

Ollie B Year 8 - Grade 3 Clarinet

Rory M Year 11 - Grade 4 Jazz Saxophone  
with Merit

James S Year 11 - Grade 5 Trumpet

## Theme of The Week

Theme of the week this week focuses on Trans Day of Visibility which takes place every 31 March. It marks a time to celebrate trans and non-binary people, and to raise awareness of the discrimination faced by the community worldwide.



It also provides an opportunity for trans and non-binary people to feel seen through positive and realistic representation – and for allies to learn more about how they can stand in solidarity. Visibility is crucial. Without exposure to others who think, feel, and live in a similar way to us – especially for those who exist outside of society's norms – we can feel lost and alone. Visibility allows community to bloom, and for people with shared lived experiences to form bonds across borders.

Without action – and true systemic change that supports the needs of the trans community – visibility can easily create further instability.'

So, visibility is important. But is it enough?

While positive representation can lead to wider acceptance in society, trans people also experience concerted pushback. We've seen dozens of examples of anti-trans legislation in recent months, and trans people's identities are treated merely as a debating topic in the UK media. Without action – and true systemic change that supports the needs of the trans community – visibility can easily create further instability.

Today, we all have a role to play.



## PTA Riverford Veg Cookery Workshop – Revised date

Apologies that planned Riverford cookery evening on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March was postponed due to illness. The evening has now been rescheduled for **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**, so please put that date in your diaries.

All other details will remain the same (prompt 7pm start in the Refectory).

If you're unable to make this revised date, please contact the School Finance office to arrange for a refund [finance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:finance@beechencliff.org.uk)



## Physical Education - Kit Expectations ( Years 7–11 )

With terms 5 and 6 approaching, please can we remind students of our expectations for kit for our curriculum sport lessons. Pupils are expected to wear Beechen Cliff PE/Games tops. Shorts and socks for all PE and Games lessons.

We are currently in a period of transition as we are moving to a new all-blue kit for PE as well as for Games. In the interim period (or until students outgrow or wear out their kit we are happy for the students to either wear their older style white kit or they are welcome to wear their current Games kit. We do not, however, expect to see other tops, shorts or tracksuits being worn.

If the weather is cold or wet, pupils are very welcome to wear additional t-shirts or thermals under their school tops and likewise, they are permitted to wear BCS tracksuit bottoms over the top of their shorts. Coats, however, are generally impractical to wear for most sporting activities so are not worn during these lessons.

On the rare occasions that kit has been lost, damaged or is not fit to wear, then a plain alternative should be brought, along with an accompanying note, which has been signed and dated by a parent or carer (no emails please, as the Physical Education department can not guarantee getting to a computer throughout the course of the day). If injury or illness prevents participation, this again needs to be cited in a note.

If your son has outgrown his kit, then new or second hand kit can be purchased through the PTA. In addition we also have an online shop available with Kukri, who can normally deliver our stock items to your door in just a couple of days. The link to this shop is below:

<https://www.kukrisports.co.uk/teamshop/beechencliffschool/landingPageNg.action>

Our kit is also worn by our Sixth Form students, so if your son opts to remain at Beechen Cliff in Years 12 and 13, it can be carried through from Year 11 into the Sixth Form

If your son is eligible for Free School Meals, please contact Mrs Layton, who may be able to arrange some financial assistance.

Thank you very much for your support.

Mr Hawkins

Head of Physical Education

## **Year 7 Football Report:**

It has been a fantastic year for Football at Beechen Cliff. Across the three terms that Football has gone on for the Year 7's, there have been 95 boys attending training. With such an impressive number, it has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and hard work that all involved have put in. With a huge number of players available, teams were regularly rotated to provide all boys the opportunity to represent Beechen Cliff. Some, for the very first time. Across the year we have had 16 fixtures. The 'A' team has played some impressive Football, scoring 24 goals in 6 games. Notable games include a strong performance against Oldfield and perhaps the windiest and wettest fixture possible against Millfield. The 'B' team have also had a very successful year beating Writhlington's A team and a high scoring draw against QEH (5-5). A common theme showing the strength and depth of the football teams with the 'C' team beating QEH and still having a game to go against Millfield. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable and successful season all round. What an exciting year group this lot are. It's great to watch the progression of these Year 7's and I look forward to seeing how far this group of boys go as the years move on.



Mr Utton

U12 Football

## **Year 8 Football Report:**



This season, the Year 8 Football teams have continued their excellent form from last year and have shown a huge amount of progression, maturity and involvement. The success of the Year 8 football teams is down to the commitment and dedication the students have shown and support for each other. The 'A' team has seen 44 different players represent them. Across the three teams that we can field, there have been 24 competitive fixtures and 72 students taking part.

The u13 A team had a brilliant cup run. They reached the Quarter-Final of the National cup. This is a competition that all schools in England enter. Each student can feel very proud of this achievement, being among the best 8 teams in England and look to go a few more steps further next year. Before the QF, this team conceded the least amount of goals in the competition. The u13 B & C team's have also recorded strong wins against Clifton College and what will be a tough game against Millfield to be played soon. Much like Arsenal, this exciting, talented and young team will continue to compete at the highest level and no doubt win silverware in the coming years.

Mr Utton

Under 13 Football

## U14 (Year 9) Football

The under 14s Football Team has had another tremendous season. We have reached round 6 (again!) of the ESFA National Cup. Also at the time of writing a date for the semi final (Somerset cup) against Millfield is still to be decided.

With many great whole team performances along the way in Cup competitions and some stand out performances from a number of individuals.

In my opinion one of our best team performances was in round 3 our Win against Millfield 3-1. The boys produced a masterclass of counter attack football, defending from the front when in long periods of not having the ball, keeping our shape and pressing as a team when needed.

We played two games against our rivals at Norton Hill (National Cup & Round 4 of the Somerset Cup) both games saw us on the front foot. Winning both games by half time we knew the strong Norton Side would come out guns blazing but we held our nerves, clinical in front of goal leading to the two wins 3-2 & 5-3 respectively.

I'd like to say a big well done to all the boys involved with the teams, over 40 of the boys have represented Beechen A & B teams this year.

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N Quintin

U14 Football coach



## 1st XI Football season report 2023

**"If you eat caviar every day it is difficult to return to sausages." – Arsene Wenger**

This season was always going to be difficult after the success of last season reaching the last 8 of the English Schools Cup.

This proved to be the case. A surprisingly early exit in round 3 of this year's competition to Norton Hill after cruising to a half time 3-0 lead and then losing on a penalty shootout ( "A penalty is a cowardly way to score." – Pelé) showed some of the mental frailties in closing off a game when winning. The team is endowed with exquisite individual talent with the ability to turn a game at any moment. Add to this the presence of our Southampton FC scholars in Year 11 and we have an invincible team.....one would assume. However, hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.

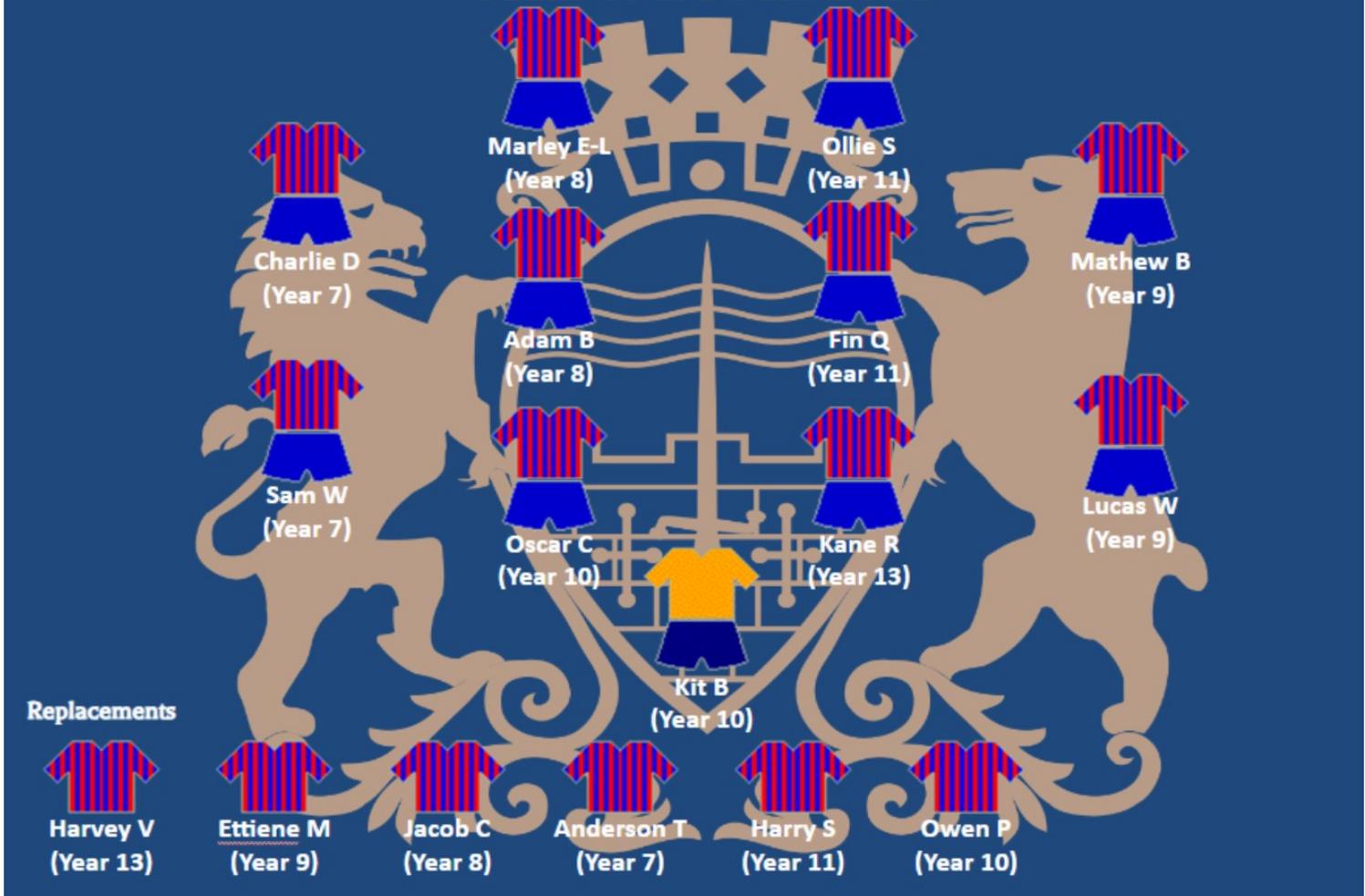
The team has shown great resilience in bouncing back from this early setback with the return to "sausages" and the bread and butter of reaching the Somerset Cup Final and a potential tie with our arch rivals Millfield School. The cornerstone of this team has been the leadership and drive of captain Kane, the energy and bite of Harvey in midfield and the ability of Joe to finish.....on his day! The support of Harry, Ollie, Josh, Jasper and Tom in goal for the late injury to Dom has been pivotal in the latter stages of this competition. A fine group of boys who have been entertaining, mature and a joy to work with. Several will leave us this year and no doubt continue their development and play at a very high standard.

"I wouldn't say I was the top manager in the business but I would say I was in the top one." – Brian Clough.

Kant Mann

1st IX Football

# Beechen Cliff Football Team of the Year 2022



## U12 Hockey End of Season Report.

The U12 Hockey squad have had a fantastic first season together this year. Hockey club has attracted a large number of boys who have all shown real enthusiasm and passion for the sport. For many, joining Beechen has been their first opportunity to play the sport. However, it has been incredibly pleasing to see so many boys expressing their desire to learn how to play hockey.

The boys have shown great eagerness, resilience and drive to improve and develop. With such high levels of engagement it has allowed a large number of boys to experience competitive hockey and the opportunity to represent Beechen in matches and at large tournaments.

A particular highlight of the season is the triangular tournament between Prior Park, Monkton and ourselves in which we came out victorious. Both the 'A Team' and the 'B Team' played some beautiful hockey and really proved just how competitive we are. I am looking forward to next season and hope that as a squad we continue to improve and be successful.

I would like to thank all the pupils, parents and staff that helped make this season such a success.

Mr Hill

U12 Hockey



## U13 Hockey season report 2023

The u13 hockey squad has been fantastic this season. They have shown their ability in hockey and have continued to develop their skills. The season started off with the area cup at Monkton Prep, where the boys showed some well rounded hockey and played their way to a number of victories on the day. This was then shortly followed by a fixture against Kingswood school for both A & B teams. The boys then finished off the season with a fixture against a very strong KES side and a triangular tournament against Prior Park and Monkton. The u13 side should be very proud of their efforts this season and I hope they continue to develop and show their want to play hockey.

Mr Bowett

U13 Hockey

## U14 hockey season report 2023

The u14 hockey side have displayed some serious determination throughout the season, having only a limited number of hockey fixtures against some very strong schools. However, this has not deterred them from wanting to continue playing hockey and enjoying every minute of being on the pitch. The boys showed some excellent hockey throughout the matches. Some notable performances from Henry D in goal against monkton and Sam B (capt.) throughout. I hope the boys continue to enjoy their hockey as they progress.

The u14s were involved in the area cup held at Clifton College. This has always been a great place to show their hockey skills against other schools around the south west. The boys showed some exciting hockey, but were unfortunate to not make it through the regional finals.

Mr Bowett

U14 Hockey

## U15 Hockey Season Report

Unfortunately it has been a disrupted season for the u15 only having 1 fixture against a very strong Kingswood side. However, this did not dampen their spirits to want to play more hockey and show their strength. Many of the u15s were fortunate to have represented the 1st XI hockey team, gaining some valuable experience playing with and against some very strong hockey players.

Mr Bowett

U15 Hockey



## 1st XI Hockey Season Report

This hockey season has been a disrupted Hockey season for the 1st XI. Fixtures have had to be postponed/cancelled due to strike days and snow days. However, this has not disheartened the team having played some very successful hockey throughout the year. Starting with indoor hockey, making it to the final of the regional hockey finals (losing on penalty shuffles) to playing some fantastic hockey against some very strong sides. It has been a good year for many hockey players throughout the school, having representation across 4 different year groups. Everyone who represented the 1st XI should be incredibly proud of their achievements this season.



Mr Bowett

1st XI Hockey

### Beechen Cliff Hockey Team of the Year 2022

Player Name	Year Group
Joe	(Year 11)
Arthur B	(Year 8)
Tom Q	(Year 7)
Sam B	(Year 9)
Will B	(Year 7)
Benji F	(Year 7)
Wilf G	(Year 13)
Ivan G	(Year 10)
Jonty G	(Year 12)
Gabe D	(Year 7)
Ollie B	(Year 8)
Ben W	(Year 11)
Sam M	(Year 8)
Isaac B	(Year 8)
Tom M	(Year 13)
Henry Y	(Year 10)

Replacements

## POST CHRISTMAS SENIOR RUGBY

Although the main school rugby season traditionally ends at Christmas, as hockey and football get their fair share of the attention, the post Christmas term still has an important function in what is almost a 12 month season for the senior teams. While many of the boys are actively involved playing for Bath Rugby in the RFU U18 Academy League, others on the fringe of that still need challenging experiences in order to develop their game.

This year we played four U17 Development games against strong opposition. The purpose was to lay the foundations of a team for those boys who will still be here in September for the 2023-24 season. For the most part our Year 13 players were able to focus on their academic programme while the year 12s and a small group of high potential year 11s joined up to form our Development Squad. Progress was huge and the difference in performance between game one and game four was significant in terms of skills, fitness and understanding of the Beechen Cliff way of playing. Games against Bishop Wordsworth, Whitchurch HS, Glantaf School and Royal Wootton Bassett provided a range of different challenges. With development games such as this, results and scores are not the most important things - more that progress is made. Suffice to say, the coaches Mr Lewis and Mr Turner were more than happy with the progress.



The U17 Development Squad following a win against Whitchurch HS from Cardiff



Beechen Cliff 1st VII at the world famous Rosslyn Park Sevens

On the heels of the U17 season, the short but intense Sevens season proved to be a highly enjoyable end of season diversion. Due to poor weather and strikes we were only able to attend two tournaments in early March with the aim of building a squad to go to the Rosslyn Park National Schools 7s Tournament. With each tournament we learned more valuable lessons and grew an identifiable Beechen way of playing that drew on our strengths of power and pace. We knew, following a successful day at the Stourbridge 7s that we were building nicely.

The RPNS7s is the world's biggest rugby tournament. On the first day, the U18s played 4 games against top opposition, winning 3 games and so qualifying for the second day and the plate competition. On Friday they played 4 more games against fellow qualifiers, again winning 3 games (including beating eventual winners Cranleigh) but agonisingly missed out on a place in the final by points difference - just 6 points!

In all there were 271 schools from all over the UK and the rest of the world in the U18 competitions - we eventually finished 15th - our best performance ever. Conditions were awful - a complete mudbath. But despite standing in the rain for 2 days, the boys' spirits never wavered. As well as playing well, they were a pleasure to be with and represented the school with huge credit. Even to the point of voluntarily helping push other cars and minibuses out of the mud in the carparks at the end of the day! It was a great experience and some fantastic sevens was played. Our squad was comparatively young and the year 12s involved are already thinking about next year!

Mr Turner

Rugby

## WELLBEING

Dear Parent's and Carers,

As we approach exam season, our thoughts are with our students and their best hopes for revision over the Easter Break.

Attached below is a short podcast that talks about how we can fix our focus and pay attention more. We invite you to take a listen and perhaps it might be a good dinner time conversation starter with the family.

There are some wonderful neurological facts about the brain and focus that may be of great use to your young revisers and this may have a useful impact on how they manage their time and their emotional wellbeing during the exam season.

We wish you all a restful and Happy Easter.

### The Wellbeing Team

#### **BITESIZE How to Fix Your Focus to Achieve your Goals in 2023**

by Dr. Rangan Chatterjee / January 6, 2023

**Our ability to focus and pay attention plays a crucial role in every aspect of our life: reaching our goals, maintaining close relationships, thinking deeply, as well as our ability to be kind, compassionate and empathetic.**

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**In this clip, Johann explains how our attention is being stolen and shares some steps that we can take to get it back.**

Here is the link -

<https://drchatterjee.com/bitesize-how-to-fix-your-focus-to-achieve-your-goals-in-2023-johann-hari/>



## Parent Solution Focused Training

Following the success of our first Parent/Carer Solution Focused Training in January, our feedback questionnaire revealed that parents and carers would be interested in having some follow-up training on how to use the solution focused techniques in conversations with your children.

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You will then receive further details and the Zoom link to join us closer to the time.

We very much look forward to meeting you all.

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Practitioner and Trainer

Susie Ingram  
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